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SUBJECT: NIGER-FRANCE-UGANDA-ZAIRE

1. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH FONMIN DJERMAKOYE
AT RECEPTION JULY 9 HE REPORTED THAT:

A) PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE WAS PLEASED WITH HIS
VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK AND SAW IT AS SUCCESSFULL CLIMAX TO NEW REGI
ME'S YEAR LONG EFFORT TO
ESTABLISH CORDIAL RELATIONS FIRST WITH NEIGHBORS,
SECOND, WITH AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS AND THEN MORE
GENERALLY WITH OUTSIDE WORLD STARTING NATURALLY WITH
FRANCE.

B) WITH INCREASED SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN NIGER'S
ABILITY TO OPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, GON HAD

CONSIDERED OFFER OF PLAYING INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN
UGANDA'S DIFFERENCES WITH UK OVER DENNIS HILLS CASE.

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RECALLING THAT UGANDA HAD BEEN FIRST AFRICAN COUNTRY TO

RECOGNIZE NIGER'S MILITARY REGIME IMMEDIATELY AFTER
COUP IN 1974, DJERMAKOYE SAID NIGER HAD GOOD RELATIONS
WITH HNDI MAIN AND GH FELT IT MIGHT PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE IN SECURING HILLS' RELEASE. HOWEVER, MOBUTU HAD
MOVED FIRST AND GON DECIDED NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE.

C). NIGER'S DELGATION TO MOZAMBIQUE IDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS SAW MOBUTU ON RETURN TRIP TO NIGER AND
DELIVERED "BROTHERLY" LETTER FROM KINTCHE EXPRESSING
LATTER'S PLEASURE THAT HE HAD SURVIVED ALLEGED COUP.
IN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENT THAT I HOPED GON DPL NOT
RPT NOT BELIEVE CHARGES OF US INVOLVEMENT IN
ALLEGED PLOT,'SDJERMAKOYE SAID GON DID NOT RPT NOT. HE WENT ON TO O
BSERVE THAT GOVERNMENTS PLAGUED WITH
INTERNAL PROBLEMS SEEM TO DRUM UP BELLICOSEHTSSUES
WITH NEIGHBORS (E.G. MALI) OR CHARGE "SUPER POWERS"
WITH PLOTTING AGAINST REGIME AS MEAI DIVERT
THEIR PUBLIC FROM DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES.HECK

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